



520th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 626
FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003 AND
THE REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations, particularly Regulations 7.05 and 8.06(e), as approved by the Permanent Council on 27 June 1996 (DOC.PC/1/96), as well as Step 5(b) of PC.DEC/553 on the OSCE's Unified Budget Process,

Taking note of the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2003 and the Report of the External Auditor (PC.ACMF/73/04) of 5 July 2004,

Expressing its gratitude to the External Auditor, the United Kingdom National Audit Office, for the work done,

1. Accepts the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2003;
2. Requests the Secretary General to establish a work plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor as reflected in its Report for 2003 and submit it not later than 31 October 2004 to the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance for discussion. Furthermore requests the Secretary General to inform the Permanent Council through the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance about the implementation of this plan on a regular basis.

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Attachment

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:

“Mr. Chairman,

In connection with the decision that has just been adopted, the delegation of the Republic of Macedonia would like to make the following interpretative statement:

Although the delegation of the Republic of Macedonia has joined the consensus in adopting this decision, we should like to state that we have reservations regarding the document entitled the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2003 and the Report of the External Auditor, in which my country has not been referred to by its constitutional name, that is, the Republic of Macedonia.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would like to request that this statement by the delegation of the Republic of Macedonia be attached to the Journal of the day.”